

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1999**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS**  
**FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING**  
**1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Linda Steinman  
Bob Workman

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins (Representing County Board at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) legislative meeting)

Others Present: Connie Ahlschwede, County Assessor's Office  
Doug Cyr, Deputy County Attorney  
Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Attorney

- 1) **MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, October 5, 1999. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval of the Board of Equalization minutes dated October 5, 1999. On call Campbell, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS;**

Approval of 14 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A". (19992042)

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Heier, Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

Capitol City Christian Church  
Cedars Youth Services  
St Thomas Aquinas Church

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of a motor vehicle tax exemption for St Thomas Aquinas Church and approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Capitol City Christian Church and Cedars Youth Services subject to the vehicle(s) being titled and registered to the applicants. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES:**

Certification of 1999-2000 tax levies for Lancaster County.

In response to a question asked by Campbell, Tim Genuchi, County Clerk's Office, stated he believed the documentation presented to the Board to be the final tax rate, however, they have 30 days to correct any errors.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of the tax levies for 1999-2000. On call Workman, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **ADJOURNMENT:**

By direction of the Chair, the Board of Equalization meeting adjourned.

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- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, October 12, 1999.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Heier, Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. A grant contract with Community Alternatives of Nebraska, Inc. for developmental disability services for residents of Lancaster County, beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. The County will pay quarterly based upon a percentage of clients served. (19992032)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Campbell, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. A grant contract with the Responsible Hospitality Council for the Responsible Beverage Service Program and the Hospitality Outreach and Education Program, beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. The County will pay, in quarterly payments, over the contract term a sum of \$10,000. (19992023)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Workman, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. Grant contracts with payments to be made quarterly with the following agencies:**

- \* **Good Neighbor Center, Inc. for an emergency food and clothing center for low income families, beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. The County will pay \$13,000 (19992049)**
- \* **Cedars Youth Service Inc. to fund General Operations and the Freeway Station beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. The County will pay \$277,668 (19992048)**
- \* **Cedars Youth Services for general operation funds for a day reporting center, beginning September 1, 1999 and ending August 31, 2000. The County will pay \$62,400 (19992047)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. Authorization of the following traffic control signs in Lancaster County, Nebraska: (19992050)**

- \* **Install two "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs on West Agnew Road approximately one-half mile east of Northwest 140<sup>th</sup> Street. One east and one west of the Bruce Bussarts residence, located at 13500 West Agnew Road, for east and westbound traffic.**
- \* **Relocation of the "Pavement Ends" sign on Van Dorn Street located west of South 98<sup>th</sup> Street to west of South 112<sup>th</sup> Street for eastbound traffic**
- \* **Relocation of the speed limit sign on Van Dorn Street located east of South 98<sup>th</sup> Street to east of South 112<sup>th</sup> Street for eastbound traffic**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 99-2050. On call Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. Authorization of the following traffic control signs on 84<sup>th</sup> Street in Lancaster County, Nebraska: (19992051)**

- \* **Replacement of the "45 mile per hour" speed limit sign with a "50 mile per hour" speed limit sign south of Fletcher Avenue for southbound traffic**
- \* **Replacement of the "45 mile per hour" speed limit sign with a "50 mile per hour" speed limit sign south of Havelock Avenue for southbound traffic**
- \* **Replacement of the "45 mile per hour" speed limit sign with a "50 mile per hour" speed limit sign north of Havelock Avenue for northbound traffic**

Don Thomas, County Engineer, explained that the resolution results from a joint project with the City of Lincoln. Speed surveys were conducted with the end result being the establishment of the new speed limits.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 99-2051. On call Heier, Workman, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. A resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a quitclaim deed, a general assignment and bill of sale and related matters in connection with the termination of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Series A (Molex Incorporated Project), dated October 15, 1976 and Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Series B, dated October 1, 1979 (Molex Incorporated Project). (19992041)**

John Horan, attorney with Cline Williams Law Firm, stated that Molex is requesting that the County Board approve a reconveyance of certain real and personal property back to Molex. He explained that the County is currently holding legal title to the property pursuant to an Industrial Development Bond issue which was used to construct Molex's facility. Horan stated the bonds have been paid in full and they are now requesting the County to reconvey the real property by a quitclaim deed and by a bill of sale for the personal property.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Campbell, Steinman, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- G. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and Review Committee to award a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a contractor to develop and operate a resource and referral center for women to Fresh Start Home for the Lancaster County Human Services Agency and Justice Council. The County will provide the contractor \$103,400 of annual funding through a grant received from the State of Nebraska. (19992043)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Heier, Workman, Steinman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. A political subdivision tort claim filed against Lancaster County by Woody Paige for damage to his vehicle, in the amount of \$339.98. (19992024)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval of the political subdivision tort claim filed by Woody Paige, for \$339.98. On call Steinman, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**I. A political subdivision tort claim filed against the Corrections Department by Brian L Linderholm, in the amount of \$200, for lost property. (19992025)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded to accept the Director's recommendation and deny the political subdivision tort claim filed by Brian L Linderholm. On call Workman, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

**J. Political subdivision tort claims filed against Lancaster County by and on behalf of the following:**

- \* **Raymond J Koziol, Personal Representative of Kevin J Koziol, deceased, in the amount of \$1,000,000 (1999719)**
- \* **Raymond J Koziol, Personal Representative of Aaron J Koziol, deceased, in the amount of \$1,000,000 (1999720)**
- \* **Raymond J Koziol, Personal Representative of LeAnn M Koziol, deceased, in the amount of \$1,000,000 (1999723)**
- \* **Raymond J Koziol, individually and as father and next friend of Matthew R Koziol, a minor, in the total amount of \$600,000 (1999721)**
- \* **Raymond J Koziol, individually and as father and next friend of Brian L Koziol, a minor, in the total amount of \$1,500,000 (1999722)**

Doug Cyr, Deputy County Attorney, requested the item be held until the end of the agenda and that discussion be held in Executive Session.

**K. A request from Ronette Becker to determine disability for purposes of early retirement under the Lancaster County Pension Plan.**

Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney, explained that the County pension plan allows for early retirement by an employee if a disability exists. She stated the employee is no longer employed by the County because of the disability, however, she recommended that the Board defer the item until supporting documentation is received. Staab further explained a physician's statement regarding the disability is required.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded to defer the item for one week pending receipt of a physician's statement regarding the employee.

The maker of the motion and the seconder agreed that the item be held until the County Attorney's Office brings the request back to the County Board instead of deferring it for one week.

**ROLL CALL:** Campbell, Heier, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

- A. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers located on the first floor of the County-City Building for Comprehensive Plan Amendment 94-38, requested by the Interim Director of Planning at the request of the Public Works and Utilities Department and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, to amend the 1994 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Beal Slough Basin Stormwater Master Plan by reference as an approved component of the Comprehensive Plan. (19992040)**
- B. A maintenance agreement with Solutions for a photocopier for Adult Probation, beginning September 28, 1999 and ending September 27, 2000, in the amount of \$778.64. This a County owned copier. (19992046)**
- C. A contract with K & M Land Surveying to conduct a preliminary survey on Old Cheney Road at South 112<sup>th</sup> Street to South 148<sup>th</sup> Street under Project C55-Q-407(1), commencing October 18, 1999 and ending December 3, 1999. The County will pay a lump sum fee of \$4,850 upon completion of services. (19992052)**

Campbell referred to Consent Item 4A in relation to Comprehensive Plan Amendment 94-38. She stated the item was withdrawn from the City Council agenda and suggested that the item be withdrawn from the County Board's agenda until they have more information regarding rescheduling by the City Council.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Steinman seconded deferral of Consent Item 4A (Comprehensive Plan Amendment 94-38).

Campbell noted she would abstain from voting on the motion because of a conflict of interest.

**ROLL CALL:** Steinman, Heier and Workman voted aye. Campbell abstained. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval of Consent Items 4B and 4C. On call Campbell, Steinman, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

**RETURNING TO NEW BUSINESS ITEM 3J:**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded to enter into Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. regarding Item 3J. On call Workman, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded to exit Executive Session at 2:30 p.m. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded to deny the political subdivision tort claims (five claims) filed by Raymond J Koziol. On call Workman, Heier, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

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